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For: NOVEL HETEROCYCLES AS INHIBITORS OF LEUCOCYTE ADHESION AND
AS VLA-4 ANTAGONISTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified Application as set forth
in the Amendments below and in the attached Marked Copy.

Amendments

In the Specification:

Page 1, following the title, please insert the following:

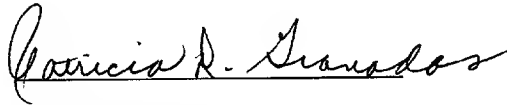
--This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/971,966 filed November 17,
1997. The prior application is hereby incorporated herein by reference, in its entirety.--

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments referencing the parent application be made prior to examination of the present application. A first office action on the merits is awaited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE IN THE
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